facilitate the disposal of applications for loans made to the primary land mortgage banks. The difficulties of the applicants and the remedy proposed are mentioned in the Statement of Objects and Reasons. I am sure the House will accept this motion."

* SRI RAO BAHADUR M. RAMAKRISHNA REDDI :—" May I ask the Hon. Minister for some information? It is said that 'such officers of the co-operative banks as are authorized by the Government in this behalf can compel the creditors to produce the necessary documents in their possession.' In that case, may I know whether they are going to pay travelling allowance to the people who have to produce the documents, and, if so, whether the banks will bear that expenditure or the applicants who ask for loans have to bear it?"

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI :—" I do not know the position exactly; but I take it that if they are summoned, they will be paid their fare."

SRI RAO BAHADUR M. RAMAKRISHNA REDDI :—" By whom?"

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI :—" Most probably at the instance of the applicants."

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was taken into consideration.

Clause 2 was put and carried.

Clause 1 was put and carried.

The Preamble was put and carried.

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI :—" Sir, I move—

'*that the Bill be passed into law.*'"

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was passed into law.

(2) THE MADRAS COMMERCIAL CROPS MARKETS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1939, AS PASSED BY THE ASSEMBLY.

* THE HON. SRI V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI :—" Sir, I beg to move—

'*that the Bill*[a] *further to amend the Madras Commercial Crops Markets Act*, 1933, *for certain purposes, as passed by the Assembly, be taken into consideration at once.*'

"*Clause* 3.—In the original Act, there is a provision that among others four persons can be elected by the licensees. But, now, the Government think it advisable to enlarge the electorate

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by including besides these licensees, the buyers, sellers and buyers and sellers of cotton.

"*Clause* 4.—The Committee gets information at present from Bombay by paying Rs. 7-12-0 per day. But if the society gets itself registered it can get the information by paying Rs. 5-4-0 per day gaining something like Rs. 875 per annum. So under clause 4 we are enacting that the society can get registered as a news agency.

"*Clause* 5.—The existing Act provides for expenditure for establishing and regulating markets. The present Bill seeks power for expenditure on cultural improvements. But the Government are taking power to see that the expenditure is controlled. We have also made provision not to disturb the term of office of the existing members due to the enlargement of the electorate brought about by clause 3.

"With these few words I request the House to accept my motion."

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was taken into consideration.

Clauses 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 were put and carried.

Clause 1 was put and carried.

The Preamble was put and carried.

* THE HON. SRI V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI:—"I move—

'that the Bill be passed into law.'"

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was passed into law.

(3) THE MADRAS CITY MUNICIPAL (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1939, AS PASSED BY THE ASSEMBLY.

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:—"Mr. President, I beg to move—

'that the Bill[a] further to amend the Madras City Municipal Act, 1919, for a certain purpose, as passed by the Assembly, be taken into consideration at once.'

"Sir, the contents of the Bill have been before the House for a long time and we had a long discussion of the measure in the Assembly. The Bill seeks to introduce simultaneous elections in all the wards of the City Corporation. Under the present system 15 seats fall vacant every year and elections are held annually. This system of annual elections disturbs the administration of the

[a] Printed as Appendix IV on page 169 infra.